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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gautam Prakash on 9/29/04.

The application has been amended as follows:

On page 26, line 11, insert

--Brief Description of Drawings

Fig. 1A. Represents the S.E.M. Analysis of a membrane containing 16 mg of ionomer corresponding to 16 % by weight.

Fig. 2B. Represents the S.E.M. analysis of the bistrretched PTFE specimen.

Figs. 2A, and 2B. Represent the E.D.S. analysis respectively of the specimen and the bistrretched PTFE.

Fig. 3A. Represents the specimen containing 3 mg of ionomer, corresponding to 3.4 % of the total weight.

Fig. 3B. Represents the E.D.S. analysis of the specimen containing 3 mg of ionomer, corresponding to 3.4 % by total weight.—

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